



 **Information
for Associates**



Pursuit
*A year's adventure
with God*

Join us for an amazing year



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Vision



Our vision for the Pursuit year is to see a generation of young leaders released to learn, to grow, to be challenged, to make mistakes and most of all to lead in step with Jesus.

Our vision is beyond a year; this journey towards being a great leader is a lifetime pursuit. We want the Associates to catch God's vision for his people and to be the outworking of that in the world. We believe that this is a central part of being the local church and seeing our nation changed. We want to see young people gaining hands on experience that comes from pursuing God, seeing where he's working and joining in.



What is the year about?



Living Faith

Pursuit is a year of your life given to God to work with a local church focused on an area of ministry that inspires you. During this time you will be given the opportunity to serve and study within the church community. It will be a chance to explore whether God might be calling you into some form of Christian leadership.

You will be located in a placement church where you will have the chance to get involved in the work and mission of that community. You will gather together with other Pursuit Associates to study and grow together. The training will include leadership skills, theology and personal development as well as participation in the diocesan Living Faith course.

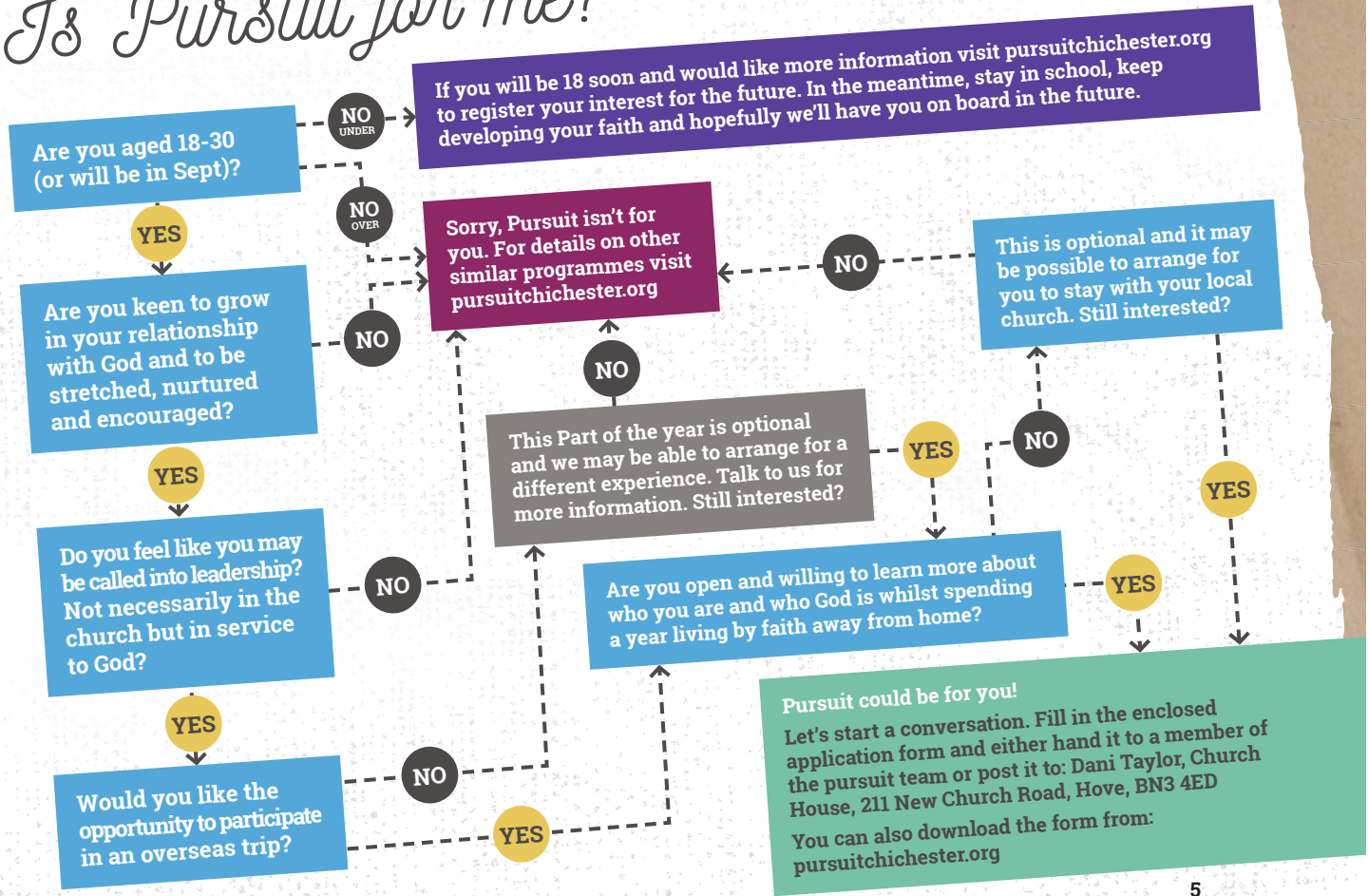
You will be supported by a Spiritual Buddy and Line Manager as well as the Pursuit team:



Dan Jenkins as DYO and Dani Taylor as Youth Leadership Development Officer.

The purpose for this year is to give time to God, to serve him and the local church whilst deepening your knowledge; theologically, biblically, spiritually and practically.

Is Pursuit for me?



Outline of year

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Induction overnight
at St Bartz Centre



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Training at Church House, Hove

All the Associates will gather together to go through the same training. We will be looking at leadership, discipleship, spiritual disciplines and pursuing our dreams with God.

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Living Faith

This course is designed to give a theological underpinning to your faith that will empower you to work out your calling more effectively. Associates can choose which night and location works best for them. For more information on Living Faith please visit the diocesan website.



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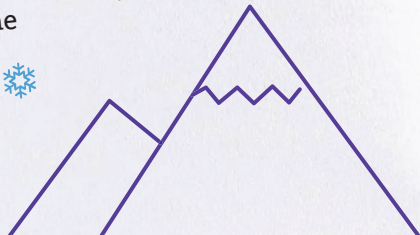
Life Skills

Associates will gather a little less often whilst Living Faith is going on but when we do we will catch up on how we are getting on with LF and also look at some essential life skills, money management, time management, presentation skills and more.

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Christmas break

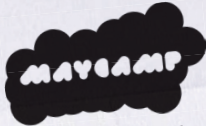
This will be worked out with your placement and around any events that you might be part of. We strongly recommend that you get to have time off to relax, reflect and recharge with friends and family ready for the new year!



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Easter Break

This will be worked out with your placement and around any events that you might be part of. We strongly recommend that you get to have time off to relax, reflect and recharge with friends and family and eat chocolate.



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May Camp

This is the diocesan youth festival run every year at Plumpton Racecourse. Young people gather from across the diocese for a weekend full of games, activities, worship and teaching. This weekend is formational for many young people learning about God and experiencing his love for them. You will get the chance to help plan and deliver parts of the weekend, whilst outworking your leadership skills.

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Reading List



You will be expected to choose a minimum of three books from our book list to read throughout the year. We will discuss what you've read and how it has inspired and challenged you. If needed we could also arrange for audiobooks if that would make life easier for you.

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Rule of Life

What is a rule of life? It is something that we commit to, a spiritual discipline which we do daily. Living out spiritual disciplines will be encouraged from the start of the year but we will regularly review how you're doing and establishing a rule of life that works for you, your spiritual style and your personality type.

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Outreach Mission

You will get the opportunity to go overseas in a mission trip and serve God in a different culture. We hope this will be a chance for you to see the richness of God's love for people and the church outside of their everyday experience.

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GO!

We end our year with another overnight stay at St Bartz, we will hear stories of your year, see your adventure and commission them to go further as you complete your year with us and go out to whatever God has called you to.



What will I get?

Experience

First and foremost, this year is about an experience, working in a church and a community, meeting real people and doing real mission. You will be partnered with a team that's working to see people come to know, love, follow Jesus in their community. There could be opportunities to work with children and young people, music, chaplaincy, the elderly, community outreach and other social action projects. There is also a chance for you to bring your skills and ideas in partnership with what's already happening in your placement.

Training

There will be training in leadership skills and theology, through our central training days and Living Faith course. However the main training is in the practical outworking of your faith in your placement.

Housing

You will be housed with a lovely family from the placement, where you will have your own room. Your accommodation will include breakfast and an evening meal as well as internet access. You will ideally be housed within easy reach of the church or placement office.



Support

During the year you will have a Line Manager who will oversee your work in the placement. You will also have a Spiritual Buddy, someone who will be there to meet with you and talk through the Pursuit experience, pray with you and input into your life. Somebody from the Pursuit team will meet with you and your line manager between

training days to make sure that things are running smoothly and to answer any questions. The support network that is put in place is there to ensure that your experience is the best it can be. We will also arrange for social gatherings with the other Pursuit Associates from across the diocese.



Who will I be working with?

Diocese

The diocese covers the whole of Sussex. There are over 500 churches of all different styles, traditions and sizes. We're overseeing the Pursuit year and Dani Taylor is your main point of contact at the diocese if you have any questions, concerns or issues. But also let us know if there is anything really good going on that you would like to see more of.

Parish

The Diocese is broken down into parishes. There is at least one church in each parish and this is who you will be working directly with. Parishes vary in size, style and

tradition. We work hard to place you in a parish that will engage, stretch, challenge but most of all love and support you throughout your year.

Pursuit team

This is anybody involved in the running of this year. The team consists of:

- **Dani Taylor**, Youth Leadership Development Officer & Pursuit Director
- **Dan Jenkins**, Diocesan Youth Officer & Pursuit Oversight
- Parish Development Officer
- Living Faith co-ordinator and Officer for Lay Vocation and Training
- Team Administration
- Young Vocations Officer

Line Manager

This will be somebody in your placement, it could be the vicar or youth worker depending on your placement. You will be meeting with them at least twice a month to look at your time and activities.

Spiritual Buddy

This will be somebody from within the church where you are placed, who will be experienced in pastoral care. They will meet with you at least once a month and be there to listen and support you with your work, personal life and anything else you might want to discuss. Any good news stories,

issues or concerns can be discussed here as well as getting prayer support and general cheering on.

Friends

We hope that this year will provide you with a good cohort of friends which last a lifetime. Friendship is essential to life and being part of God's family is about belonging and walking through life together, so both in your placement and with your other Pursuit Associates we hope that this will become a reality for you.

Cost



For you as an Associate it is FREE to do the Pursuit year!

There are general living costs that you will need to cover. Your placement accommodation will provide you with breakfast and an evening meal.

Example Monthly budget

Food (Lunches) - £120
Phone - £25
Personal Travel - £30
Toiletries - £10
Going out - £40
Treats - £40
Holidays and Presents - £30
Emergencies - £20

Total £315

So you will be responsible for some food, your social activities, personal travel, lunches, phone, personal travel, social activities, coffees and treats.

Your placement will be covering the cost of all your training, your mission trip, your travel expenses and your accommodation.

What next?

If you want to know more then please contact Dani Taylor at Church House:
dani.taylor@chichester.anglican.org

If you are ready to apply then please fill in the application form and send to:
Dani Taylor, Pursuit, Church House, 211 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4ED

Once we have received your application we will be in touch with an interview date. The interview will be for us to hear from you about why you want to be part of the Pursuit year and what your passions are. For you it will be a chance to ask any more questions you might have about the year or a placement.

We will then work hard to place you in a church which will

be the best fit for you. The next step is to get you together with that placement to have a visit and conversation about what you will be doing for the year.

You will need a DBS certificate and to complete safeguarding training before the year starts. The safeguarding training is available online and done at home in your own time. We will be in touch to let you know more details.





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